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SUBJECT: FAPU TAKES OVER RED CROSS OFFICES IN SAN SALVADOR AND
SANTA ANA; ATTEMPTED OCCUPATION OF MINISTRY OF PUBLIC
HEALTH

1. ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 28, FIFTEEN YOUTHS, WHO SAID THEY BELONGED TO THE UNITED PTTULAR ACTION FRONT (FAPU), TOOK OVER THE RED CORSS OFFICE IN SAN SALVADOR. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THEY INSTALLED MICROPHONES IN ORDER TO READ A COMMUNIQUE ASK-ING FOR THE LIBERTY OF "POLITICAL PRISONERS", AND STATING THAT ACTION WAS AN EFFORT ON THEIR PART TO CALL TO THE ATTENTION OF AN INTERNATIONAL ENTITY LIKE THE RED CROSS THE "SITUATION" IN EL SALVADOR. STRESSING THAT IT WAS A PEACEFUL OCCUPATION, THE YOUTHS PERMITTED EMPLOYEES TO COME AND GO AS THEY PLEASED. NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN RED CROSS OFFICIALS AND THE "OCCUPANTS" HAVE SO FAR PROVEN UNPRODUCTIVE AND THE OCCUPATION IS CONTINU-ING.

2. ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 28, PEOPLE ALSO IDENTIFYING THEM-
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SELVES AS MEMBERS OF FAPU TOOK OVER THE RED CROSS BUILDING IN SANTA ANA, EL SALVAADOR'S SECOND LARGEST CITY. THIS "OCCUPATION" HAS ALSO BEEN A PEACEFUL ONE AND CONTINUES DESPITE NEGOTIATIONS BY RED CROSS OFFICIALS TO END IT.

3. AT MID-DAY ON MAY 2, CAMPESINOS, REPORTEDLY FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF SANTA ANA, ATTEMPTED TO OCCUPY OR STAGE

"SIT-IN" AT THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH IN SAN SALVADOR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THEY COULD TALK TO THE MINISTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH, DR. CESAR AUGUSTO ESCALANTE MONGE CONCERNING PROMISED WATER SUPPLIES. IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN OCCUPATION FROM OCCURRING, THE BUILDING WS CLOSED DOWN AND GOES SECURITY FORCES (CONFLICT-ING REPORTS AS TO WHETHER THESE FORCES WERE MINISTRY GUARDS OR NATIONAL POLICE) PERSUADED DEMONSTRATORS TO LEAVE PEACEFULLY. THE MINISTRY CEASED OPERATIONS AT MID-DAY BUT REOPENED MORNING MAY 3.
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